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SUBJECT: EARLY WARNING REPORT: LARGE COPPER FIND IN CHIAPAS

1. EXPERTS FROM SECRETARIA DEL PATRIMONIO NACIONAL LOCATED ON MARCH 14 COPPER DEPOSITS IN SIERRA MADRE OCCIDENTAL IN STATE OF CHIAPAS THAT MAY BE AMONG WORLD'S LARGEST. GOVERNOR OF CHIAPAS, MANUEL VELASCO SUAREZ, COMPARED FIND TO CHILE'S EL TENIENTE DEPOSIT, AND ADDED "WE'RE CONFIDENT THAT CHIAPAS COPPER WILL GIVE MEXICO A SPECIAL PLACE AMONGST LEADING (COPPER) PRODUCER COUNTRIES".

2. GOVERNOR ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS DISCOVERY, ALONG WITH EXTENSIVE PETROLEUM DEPOSITS LOCATED IN CHIAPAS, WILL LEAD TO GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN STANDARD OF LIVING FOR PEOPLE OF THIS STATE, ONE OF MEXICO'S MOST UNDER-DEVELOPED. VELASCO SUAREZ ADDED (WITH A TOUCH OF IRONY IN LIGHT OF MEXICO'S SENSITIVITY TO ITS ROLE AS AN EXPORTER OF RAW MATERIALS) THAT THE NATURAL RICHES OF CHIAPAS SHOULD BE USED TO INCLUDE THE STATE IN THE NATIONS' ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND NOT MERELY AS A SOURCE OF RAW MATERIALS.

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3. COMMENT: ATTEMPTING TO LEARN SPECIFICS OF THE COPPER

FIND, EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY GOM DIRECTOR DE MINAS Y PETROLEO IN MEXICO CITY THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHIAPAS FIND IS PREMATURE, AND IT IS MUCH TOO EARLY TO ESTIMATE CHIPAS DEPOSIT OR COMPARE IT WITH EL TENIENTE OR WITH LA CARIDAD, CURRENTLY MEXICO'S LARGEST COPPER MINING ENTERPRISE. WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE THE VENTURE MAY OPEN OPPORUTUNITIES FOR EXPORT OF US MINING EQUIPMENT. SINCE CHIAPAS IS ONE OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, STRENGTHENING OF ACCOMPANYING INFRASTRUCTURE (RADS, TRANSPORT ETC.) MAY ALSO PROVIDE OPENINGS FOR U.S. SALES. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.  
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